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Harford County Hazardous Materials Team Responds to Incident at Summer Camp *Multiple patients treated for respiratory and eye irritation*

(Forest Hill, MD) - - The Harford County Hazardous Materials Response Team was summoned to an incident at Camp Wo Me To in the Rocks area of northern Harford County Tuesday evening, July 23, 2013. The incident was first reported to the Harford County 9 1 1 Center at approximately 10:10 p.m.

The initial call received by the 9 1 1 Center was a request for medical assistance for a 16 year-old male who apparently suffered from eye and respiratory irritation. Shortly thereafter additional medic units were dispatched from several Harford County, Maryland and York County, Pennsylvania departments to assist more than a dozen patients at the camp complaining of similar symptoms.

The Harford County Hazardous Materials Response Team investigated the source of the irritation and discovered two products had been discharged in two separate cabins on the camp ground. One product was determined to be deer spray and other was labeled "Liquid Ass". Both products produce respiratory and eye irritation.

The two cabins, units 3 and 9 were ventilated to help dissipate the strong odor which resulted in emergency calls to the Harford County 9 1 1 Center.

The Hazardous Materials Response Team decontaminated more than a dozen campers. Six patients were transported to the Upper Chesapeake Health System in Bel Air for evaluation and medical treatment.

The Harford County Hazardous Materials Response Team cleared the scene at Camp Wo Me To at approximately 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

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